



#### MAY

16th Southern Section, Spring Tournament, Finchley Golf Club.  
30th Southern Section, A.G.M., Stirling Castle, 6-30 p.m.

#### JUNE

7th Midland Section, President's Match, Handsworth Golf Club.  
7th North West Section, A.G.M., Garrick Hotel, Fountain Street,  
Manchester, 7 p.m.

#### AUGUST

13th, 14th and 15th B.G.G.A., A.G.M. and Annual Tournament, Pyle and Kenfig  
Golf Club.

## GOOD GRASS DOES NOT MAKE TRUE GREENS

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ONE of the unhappy signs on many golf courses in recent years has been the inability of officials concerned with the maintenance of the courses to realise that there is a little more to the problem than the mere growing of grass.

One does not attempt to decry the admirable work being done by various firms who specialise in the treatment of sports grounds, but the advice they give has to be tempered with a certain amount of knowledge on the part of those who make the decisions as to what methods are used.

The people most qualified to do that are the professionals and greenkeepers at the club concerned, but more often than not their advice is overruled by those who have only the scantiest idea of what is necessary.

It can be said that no serious damage is done, so long as these deliberations affect only the fairways, but when we come to the greens a vastly different situation arises.

The essential need of greens is that they should be true. The texture of the

grass is certainly important, but is of secondary value to that of the actual surface.

### Rolling

There are those clubs who will not have a roller put on their greens because they are concerned solely with the growth of the grass.

If, by reason of the type of soil involved, rolling is necessary—as it is at many courses—this attitude is absurd. The accurate surface is far more important.

It makes no difference to the run of the ball—or no difference which can be assessed—if there happens to be a little clover amid the grass, but it makes a great deal of difference if the entire surface of the green is blemished and scarred from heel-marks, worm-casts and the like.

I simply cannot understand why men of limited experience wish to override those who have closely studied such matters. It is up to those who play on these courses and find that their otherwise accurate putts are deflected from their real direction by the uneven nature of the ground to make their complaints to the committee.

In that way this stupidity may be overcome by the mistaken attitude of their committee being brought to a head.

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